

REMARKS

The Official Action mailed October 21, 2008, has been received and its contents carefully noted. This response is filed within three months of the mailing date of the Official Action and therefore is believed to be timely without extension of time. Also, filed concurrently herewith is a *Request for Continued Examination*. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicant appreciates Primary Examiner Coleman's time in conducting a telephonic interview on January 13, 2009.


The Applicant notes with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on June 5, 2006; June 21, 2006; and July 7, 2008.

A further Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith and consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9, 11-20 and 22-30 were pending in the present application prior to the above amendment. The Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-9, 11-20 and 22-28 (Box 5, Office Action Summary; page 2, Paper No. 20081016). During the interview, the Examiner explained that paragraph 2 of the Official Action is concerned with previously pending claims 29 and 30 and confirmed his allowance of claims 1-9, 11-20 and 22-28. By the present *Amendment*, claims 23-30 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Also, at this opportunity, the Applicant has corrected a minor typographical informality in claim 14. Specifically, the Applicant has changed "peel-off" to "peel-off layer" for consistency. Accordingly, claims 1-9, 11-20 and 22 are now pending in the present application, of which claims 1-4 and 12-15 are independent, and all of which are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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